

RUNE et al  
Serial No. 10/022,830

Atty Dkt: 2380-589  
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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### **A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Editorially amend the specification.
2. Cancel claims 1, 3, 8-9, 13, 17, 27- 28, 34 -35, 39, 43, and 51 without prejudice or disclaimer.
3. Amend claims 2, 4- 6, 10-12, 14- 16, 18, 29-32, 36 - 38, 40 - 41, 44 - 45, and 51 - 65.
4. Add new claims 53 - 64.
5. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-5, 10-11, 18-26, 29-30, 36-37 and 44-50.

#### **B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to be independent and include the language of claims 1 and 3. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to be independent and include the language of claims 1 and 9. Claim 18 has been amended to be independent and include the language of claim 1. Claims 29, 30 and 44 have been amended to be independent and include the language of claims 27 and 28. Claims 36 and 37 have been amended to be independent and include the language of claims 27 and 35.

New dependent claims 53 - 64 correspond to amended claims 2, 6, 12, 14, 15, 31, 32, 38, 40, 41, 51, and 52, respectively, but have different dependency.

#### **C. MISCELLANEOUS**

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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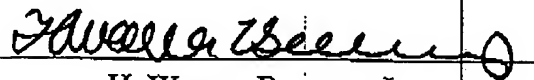
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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